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## (U) CALIFORNIA

## (U) Hayward – Federal Agents Bust Up Forced Labor Ring

(U) US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents found nearly a dozen immigrant workers living in squalid conditions yesterday as part of an ongoing human-trafficking investigation in the Bay Area. The victims were allegedly exploited for labor at on construction projects around the region and lived in an industrial building without running water that was locked from the outside at night. The building's owner is currently under indictment for harboring undocumented immigrants for commercial advantage.

SOURCE: 29 August 2017, San Francisco Chronicle

## (U) NATIONAL

## (U) Alabama – White Supremacist Site Shut Down After Violence Complaints

(U) Birmingham – One of the oldest white supremacist websites has been shut down following complaints filed with the web-hosting company alleging the site promotes hate speech and is deadly violence. Users of the Stormfront.org website have been implicated in more than 100 killings, including 77 people slain by neo-Nazi Anders Breivik at a camp in Norway in 2011, according to the complaint. The founder, Don Black, is attempting to get the website back online.

SOURCE: 29 August 2017, Associated Press

#### (U) Texas - Houston Mayor Imposes Curfew to Prevent Looting

(U) Houston – Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner imposed a mandatory curfew in the city this morning from midnight to 5 a.m. in an effort to prevent potential looting, he announced at a press conference yesterday evening. The mayor ordered the Houston Police Department to shift from assisting in search-and-rescue efforts to focusing on going after criminals and maintaining law and order. He warned residents of people impersonating police officers who tell residents there is a mandatory evacuation in order to loot the abandoned homes.

SOURCE: 30 August 2017, ABC News

# (U) New York City - New Yorker Charged in Attempting to Join ISIS

(U) New York – Parveg Ahmed, 22, was charged yesterday with attempting to aid ISIS in Syria. Ahmed was arrested on 28 August at JFK Airport after being deported from the Middle East, where he had been trying to enter Syria, according to the US Attorney's Eastern District Office in New York. He was charged with attempting to provide material support to ISIS and was expected to appear in court yesterday. SOURCE: 29 August 2017, CBS New York

#### (U) Michigan – Man Arrested by FBI Counterterrorism Team

(U) Detroit – An Ypsilanti man arrested by the FBI's counterterrorism team over the weekend consented to detention yesterday during a federal court hearing that keeps secret any possible terrorism ties. Yousef Mohammad Ramadan, 28, agreed to stay in jail pending a possible indictment in the latest national security-related case in the metro Detroit area. The FBI blocked Ramadan from flying to the Middle East and arrested him after discovering a weapons arsenal in a storage unit. Ramadan has not

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yet been charged with a terror-related crime but has been charged with knowingly possessing a firearm with an obliterated serial number, a five-year felony.

SOURCE: 30 August 2017, The Detroit News

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Netherlands – Rotterdam Terror Threat Suspect Charged with Involvement in Terrorism

(U) Rotterdam – A 22-year-old man arrested for threatening to commit a terrorist attack on the Massillon in Rotterdam last week was officially charged with terrorism this morning. On 23 August, a concert by American band Allah-Las in the Maassilo was canceled after the Spanish police tipped off the Dutch authorities about a possible threat. The suspect, Jimmy F., was arrested in his home in Zevenbergen during the early hours of the following morning. He is suspected of posting the threat online using encrypted messaging service Telegram. Rotterdam Mayor Ahmed Aboutaleb said over the weekend that canceling the concert was not an overreaction as the threat was very detailed and made a serious impression.

SOURCE: 30 August 2017, NL Times

## (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

## (U) California – US Customs and Border Protection Agents Seize Drugs and Capture Fugitives

(U) San Diego – US Customs and Border Protection agents seized 277 pounds of narcotics with an estimated value of \$1.3 million and took into custody 14 fugitives—including one of the FBI's most wanted—over the weekend. The FBI's most wanted fugitive is wanted in connection to a Chicago area murder in which a 15-year old boy was beaten, shot, and set on fire after refusing to show a gang sign. Border agents seized 162 pounds of methamphetamine, 49 pounds of cocaine, 56 pounds of marijuana, seven pounds of heroin, and 2,171 tables of the prescription painkiller tramadol.

SOURCE: 29 August 2017, ABC 7 News

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